(c) what has been done so far to start this project and by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 65,509 sq. mts. of land at Caranzalem has been made available by the Goa Government.

(c) Courses have been conducted for important professional training and to set up and run Water Sports Centres on beaches etc. Central Government is providing assistance by way of provision of necessary water sports equipments to State Governments.

Hike in air-fare

1173. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether air-fares have been hiked by the Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot as a result of the recent hike into prices of petrol and petroleum products;

(b) if so, what is the percentage hike in fares of each airlines; and

(c) what relation does the fare-hike bear with the petroleum price rise ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has increased its domestic rupee fares by 9% effective from 2-10-92 in the form of fuel surcharge. Air India too has made an identical increase in its fares on domestic sectors.

(c) The increase is to offset partially the impact of 15.3% increase in the price of aviation turbine fuel and withdrawal of bulk discount on the fuel.

Reintroduction of Air India Flight to Amritsar Airport

1174. SHRI BALBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to re-introduce Air India flights to Raja Sansi Airport at Amritsar in view of improved law and order situation in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The question of resuming Air India flights to/from Amritsar airport is being examined by the Government in consultation with Air India.

Missile threat to I.A. flights to Jammu and Kashmir

1175. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Pioneer' of 18th November, 1992 under the caption "IA Pilots kept in dark about stinger missile threat";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) when the stinger missiles threat to Indian Airlines flights to Jammu & Kashmir came to Government's notice;

(d) whether the Indian Airlines Pilots were informed about it, if not, what were the reasons for not informing them; and

(e) what precautionary steps Government have taken to safeguard the Indian Airlines flights to Jammu & Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Since March, 1990 uncorroborated report have been received from time to time about stinger missile threats in J&K. Indian Airlines was apprised of these.